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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kazuaki Ikarashi et al.

Serial No. 11/271,263

Filing Date: November 8, 2005

For: EXCHANGE-COUPLED FILM INCLUDING
PINNED MAGNETIC LAYER COMPOSED OF A
PLURALITY OF COBALT-IRON ALLOYS
HAVING DIFFERENT COMPOSITIONS
DISPOSED ON ANTIFERROMAGNETIC LAYER,
AND MAGNETIC SENSING ELEMENT



Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Response to Notice of Informal Application (in duplicate); Copy of Notice of Informal Application; Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ An extension fee in an amount of \$120 for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

						Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus				x \$25=			x \$50=	
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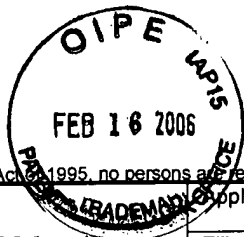
Fee payment:

- ☐ Checks in the amount of \$_____ are enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$120. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

February 14, 2006
Date

Respectfully submitted,

Gustavo Siller, Jr. (Reg. No. 32,305)

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

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First Named Inventor	John K. Leach
Art Unit	1651
Examiner Name	To be assigned
Attorney Docket Number	019028-56312

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Nixon Peabody LLP, 100 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110		
Signature	<i>J. Amelia Feulner</i>		
Printed name	Ronald I. Eisenstein/J. Amelia Feulner		
Date	2/7/06	Reg. No.	30,628/58,039

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Typed or printed name	Linda M. Ginsberg	Date	02/08/2006

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice of Informal Application dated December 9, 2005, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

 x Fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application for the above-referenced patent application.

 x Applicant is:

 a small entity, verified statement is:

☐ attached

☐ already filed

☒ other than small entity

☐ Checks totaling \$___ for:

☐ Filing Fee of \$___

☐ Surcharge of \$___

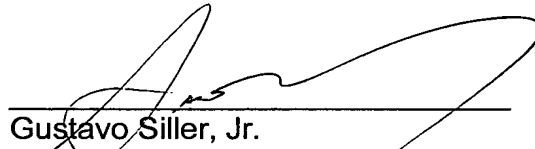
☐ Additional Claim Fees of \$___.

☒ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to respond to Notice of Informal Application (in duplicate).

☐ Other: Request for Correction of Filing Receipt, Assignment Recordal and Assignment

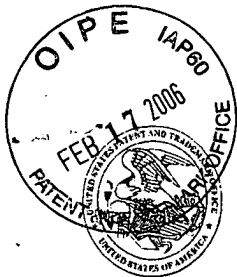
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11/271,263	11/08/2005	Kazuaki Ikarashi	9281-5201

CONFIRMATION NO. 9837

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION

This application is considered to be informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. The period within to correct the informalities noted below and avoid abandonment is set in the accompanying Office action.

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

A new oath or declaration, identifying this application number is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:

- does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.

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